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PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TODAY CONFIRMED LATEST PRESS STORIES WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT DEC 28 EARTHQUAKE FAR MORE DEVASTATING THAN FIRST REPORTS INDICATED. AERIAL SURVEYS REVEALED THAT EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CAUSED TO SCORES OF VILLAGES AND HAMLETS ALONG 70 MILES STRETCH OF LAND ON BOTH SIDES OF INDUS RIVER IN ISOLATED AND MOUNTAINOUS PARTS OF SWAT AND HAZARA DISTRICTS. LATEST ESTIMATES PUT DEATH TOLL AT OVER 4,000 AND NUMBER OF INJURED AT ABOUT 15,000. NUMEROUS LANDSLIDES HAVE MADE 45 MILES OF KARAKORAM HIGHWAY COMPLETELY UNUSEABLE. AMONG THOSE REPORTEDLY INJURED ARE FOUR CHINESE NATIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON HIGHWAY.

UNDER OVERALL DIRECTION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN ISLAMABAD, CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN UTILIZING HELICOPTERS ROUND THE CLOCK TO BRING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO AFFECTED AREA AND EVACUATE INJURED. A BASE HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT SWAT VILLAGE OF BISHAM AND CAMP HOSPITALS

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ARE NOW FUNCTIONING AT BOTH BISHAM AND PATTAN.

PRIMEMINISTER BHUTTO SCHEDULED TO VISIT DEVASTATED AREAS TODAY.
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